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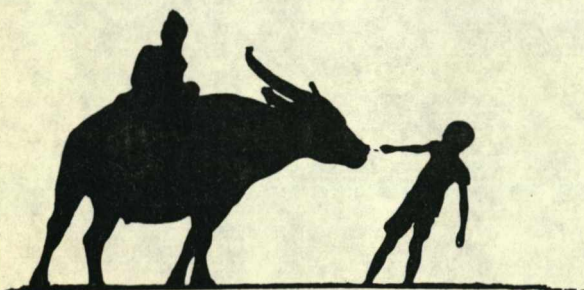
This fall, the Asian Center, a cooperative of Asian and American human rights activists, will be sponsoring a National Strategy Day and International Conference on East Timor in New York City. The action-oriented two day event will strengthen national and world attention on the famine and refugee situation in East Timor.

Four and a half years after the Indonesian invasion of East Timor, the press has recently increased its coverage of East Timor and has reported more accurately on the brutal nature of Indonesia's occupation policies and the support the U.S. has provided. At the same time, many individuals and organizations have become actively involved in East Timor work, bringing grass roots awareness to an all time high. Encouraging though these signs may be, the suffering and struggle of the East Timor people continue. One third to one half of the population has died as a result of arbitrary killings, bombings, starvation and disease. If the people of East Timor are to survive, grass roots involvement nationally and internationally must be increased.

The International Conference on East Timor will be held on the 20th of October at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street. The Conference will focus on the role of the international community in the tragedy of East Timor. While a majority of the countries have supported East Timor at the U.N., a number of influential countries (including the U.S.) continue to vote with Indonesia on resolutions calling for the withdrawal of the Indonesian military and allowing the people of East Timor to exercise their right to self-determination. U.N. delegates, scholars, religious leaders, activists and representatives from the voluntary aid community from five continents will be participating in the Conference. The Conference will be held at a time when representatives from many countries will be discussing East Timor at the U.N.

The National Strategy Day will be held at the U.N. church Center (777 U.N. Plaza) on the 19th of October. The National Strategy Day will be used to initiate national organizing through presentations and workshops. Tentative workshop topics are: Aid and the Politics of Food; Feminism and Third World Movements; Physical and Cultural Genocide; Family Reunification and Human Rights; U.N. Decolonization and U.S. Policy; and U.S. Militarism and Arms Sales. We hope to get activists from across the U.S. to attend this part of the event in order to coordinate strategies with representatives of East Timor Friendship Associations from other countries.

If you are interested in more details or attending this two day event, please contact us at 198 Broadway Rm. 302, N.Y., N.Y. 10038.



Tentative Schedules for the
National Strategy Day and International Conference on East Timor

National Strategy Day, October 19, 1980 at the U.N. Church Center, 777 U.N. Plaza

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| 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:30 | General Announcements |
| | Presentation and Introduction to East Timor |
| | Chronology |
| | 15 minute presentations by Workshop Coordinators to provide bases for selection |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30 | Participation in first workshop |
| 2:30 | Participation in second workshop |
| 3:30 | Coffee break |
| 4:00 | Reports from workshops with emphases on strategies proposed |
| 4:30 | Question and Answer |
| Evening | Social |

International Conference, October 20, 1980 at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street

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| 10:00 a.m. | Welcoming remarks by the Asian Center and a Representative of the people of East Timor |
| 10:30 | Comments by Delegates from a wide spectrum of countries |
| 11:00 | "The Current Situation in East Timor" |
| 11:40 | Keynote Address: "East Timor and the International Community" |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch (on the premises of Community Church) |
| 1:30 | Viewing of exhibits, individual discussions etc. |
| 2:30 | "East Timor and U.S. Responsibility" |
| 3:15 | "East Timor and International Aid" |
| 4:00 | Coffee break |
| 4:15 | Cultural Item by East Timorese Cultural Troupe |
| 4:30 | "East Timor: Some personal Reflections" |
| 5:00 | "What the International Community can do about East Timor" |
| 8:00 | Cultural Evening featuring performances by the East Timorese Cultural Troupe |